SON WINS CONTEST TO BREAK WILL OF OLD GEN. ECKERT

Document Set Aside Leaving Bulk of \$1,650,000 Estate to Thomas T. Eckert Jr.

BITTER FAMILY FIGHT.

Jury Decides Aged Western Union President Was Incompetent in Latter Days.

James Clendennin Eckert to-day won his fight to break the will of his millonaire father, the late Gen. Thomas T. Eckert, former president of the Western Union Telegraph Company. His triumph marks the end of one of the most hitterly fought will contests in recent years and the upsetting of the will is of the most important in a generacase, which has been on trial

before Supreme Court Justice Greenum and a jury for several weeks, went to the jury shortly before noon. In less than an hour the jury rendered verdict. The effect is as if Gen. Bekert died intestate. Thomas T. Bokort jr., who under the will received bulk of the \$1,650,000 estate, must share the fortune with his brother James, who under the will was to get only \$150,000. Miss Johanna Bekert. daughter of James, was to receive \$80,000 and a country home valued at \$50,000, but with the upsetting of the will this bequest is wiped out and the girl receives nothing. In spite of the fact that she knew this might happen Miss Eckert was a witness for her father, giving testimony that greatly

A court-house crowd has followed Eckert contest with keen interest, but there were only a few persons in court when the jury came in. its deliberations having been so short. The members of both sides of the family were on hand, however, and there was inrestrained joy on the James Eckers side of the house. Miss Johanna leaped

GENERAL MADE WILL NOT TWO MONTHS BEFORE HIS DEATH. Gen. Eckert died Oct. 20, 1910, exactly days after executing his will. As soon as it was segn(that the younger brother, Thomas T. Eckert jr., had re-ceived the bulk of the dead General's wealth, the older brother, James Clen-

due influence had been exerted over Gen. Eckert by his younger son, the son's wife, who had been a servant in the employ of the General, and the General's secretary, Richard Gregory, Page, his wife and daughter. Arthur C. Palmer of the law firm of Earle & Russell represented the contestants, while De Lancey Nicoll appeared for the respondents, who were Page and the Street Wife No. 2 and their second

and since then voluminous testimony has been submitted to prove Gen.
Estert, who was ninety-two years old when he died, was not of sound mentality during the last weeks of his life.

WALL STREET

ion was a large buyer of Amal-The closing was inactive and dull.

THE CLOSING PRICES.

an Optimist. "Pa, what is an optimist?" "Pa, what is an optimist?"
"An optimist, my son, is a twelve-dol-isr-a-week clerk who can remain cheer-ful after reading in the newspapers that Prank Chance is to receive \$60,000 a Frank Chance is to receive \$40,000 a year for managing the New York Amer-

ECKERT'S TWO SONS BITTER OPPONENTS



CLENDENEN ECKERT



TWO CHILD WIVES OF THE SAME MAN

out of high school stood before Justice Cohalan to-day and asked the Court to straighten out a marital puzzle which made both the spouses of Thomas Vinvent Boltz. One was Mrs. Mae Roche dennin Eckert, bogan his fight for a Boltz, a chic, dark-eyed child actress, larger share. In the Surrogate's Court gowned in a brown tailor suit which ere was a long trial, ending in Sur- hardly reached to her shoe tops. The frogate Cohalan's decision that the will other was Mrs. Jean Bond Bolts, with blond hair and large blue eyes, fashionably attired in gray. Neither is in the Supreme Court to prove that un- nineteen years old yet, but both eloped, it is alleged, and wedded the fascinat-

married Tom in June, 1909, before she was sixteen. She has a con. Mortimer Boltz, and lives with her mother at No. 1001 East One Hundred and Sixty-second ents, who were Page and the street. Wife No. 2 met Boltz at Far second trial began Feb. 17 last. him to Philadelphia, where they were ince then voluminous testimony macried Oct. 11, 1912. Until the commencement of wife No. I's suit for divorce, wife No. 2 and Boitz lived in East loghty-thard atreet

The first wife called the second wife to the witness stand. The fair little Jean testified that when an acquaintance introduced Tom at Far Rockaway, she had forgotten to ask him if he were married, but took it for granted that he wasn't when he pro-

oned to her.
Mrs. Boitz No. 1 told the court that Boltz had been inattentive to her and Buying orders, coming from very day, she swore, holtz taid airily tha their haby for more than a year. One strong sources, advanced prices after he had another wife who was a better the first hour of business to-day in the companion than the mother of his stock market. A feeling of satisfaction child, and boldly announced where the other wife lived. She visited the number and street Holtz mentioned and found there another Mrs. Boltz. Justice Cohalan awarded wife No. 1 a decree

"You have been so good," exclaimed No. 1 to No. 2, in the corridor, after the trial. "Now hurry up and bring your action to annul your mairiage : Tom, and I will come down and testify

court by different exits. An action will brought by wife No. 2 to annul he

NEW YORK

TER OPPONENTS IN WILL CONTEST. KERN CHOSEN IN CAUCUS AS SENATE LEADER

Harmony Prevails—House Members Also Meet.

WASHINGTON, March 5-When the caucus to-day to elect a chairman. there was no opposition to Senator few days ago he was giad to lay down for miles in either direction early to-

derstood there would be no move to youth. disturb the old leaders in their committee assignments.

Immediately after the caucus assembled Mr. Kern was chosen by aclamation. Joe T. Robinson, the new Democratic Senator from Arkansan was the only member absent. He

assembled here for the first time to-day, not in formal session as part of view Manor also turned out to fight the the new Congress but in caucus to organize for the work of the coming The meeting was held at the call of Representative Burleson of Texas, the caucus chairman, who becomes Postmaster-General in Presi-

Mr. Burleson's successor as caucu chairman is Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, who i closely identified with the new Adts exponent in the lower branch of

The caucus met to designate the Democratic membership of the new Ways edly will be the same as that of the three retiring members.

Among those prominently mentioned

to succeed them are Garner of Texas. Saunders of Virginia, Stanley of Kentucky, and Bartlett of Georgia. Representative Underwood of Alabama, it is conceded, will continue as chairman.

chosen vice-chairman and Senator Saulsbury of Delaware, one of the was named as secretary of the caucus Senator Tillman expressed a preference for the chairmanship of the on Appropriations, and said he had requested the advice of President Wilson as to the chairmanship that he should choose and that the President had urged his selection ropriations. President economy, aid, was heartily for economy, opposition

Republican Senators also held a caucus during the morning and selected as their chairman and floor leader Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire. Senator Gallinger to They authorized Senator Gallinger to Archbold, wife of the Standard Oil man, of Figs and Elixir of Senna." prepared by the California Fig Syrup Co. Ac-Republican places. There was no opposition to the seniority rule. Senator Kenyon of Iowa was chosen secretary

of the Republican caucus.

Champ Clark was renominated for Speaker amid a chorus of cheers and yells. The Democratic majority assures his election by the House.

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No Opposition to Him and Little Ones March in Order Geoffrey England, British Avifrom St. Christopher's Home on Hudson.

remorats of the new Senate met in ing at St. Christopher's Home on the Hudson, between Dobbs Ferry and Hastings, marched from their cottages John W. Kern of Indiana as the new on the grounds of the institution to the army flying ground here. John W. Kern of Indiana as the new main building, while the purning laun-leader. Senator Martin of Virginia, re-tiring Democratic leader, declared a the way for them and cast a red glare on the river

the candidacy of Senator Kern ends a superintended by Mrs. J. M. Connelly, accident occurred. long struggle for control of the Senate wife of the home superintendent, and of the Sixty-third Congress between the was accomplished with simost military se-called progressive Democrats and the precision and order, although many o old conservatives. It was generally un-old. They range from that age to

St. Christopher's Home is maintained by the Mathodist churches of this sec-tion. It stands on a knoll overlooking the river. The main building is a state ly old dwelling and the children are

lows scattered over the grounds. had not been able to get to Washington in time to take his oth of office. The caucus then took up the business of committee assignments.

How the fire in the saundry started has not been learned. It was discovered by Peter Clinton, head gardener of the home, who sent alarms to both the Hastings and Dobbs Ferry Fire Departments, which have automobile ity which will shape legislation on the ing apparatus arrived in a very short

The laundry was a two-story frame building standing near the edge of the home grounds and quite close to an ornate barn on the estate of John B. McKenney. Only caretakers are on the McKenny estate and there were neither nive stock nor vehicles in the barn.

Mrs. Connelly, as soon as she learner of the fire, despatched messages to her assistants to wake the children and assemble them at the main building, which is some distance from the laundry. The children were told that there was no danger and manifested only ourlosity as they tramped or toddled across the grounds in orderly companies.

From the main building the larger

children watched the firemen at work and the smaller ones were carefully cared for by their nurses.

"We got the children together quickly, but without excitement," said Mrs. Conbut without excitement," said Mrs. Con-nelly. "They were all dressed so as to protect them from the chill of the night, and I do not anticipate even colds from diarrhoes, sore throat, stomach-sche.

cannot afford to pay for their keep are sheltered at the home without cost, payment is made by many others. Chilsaid, was heartily for economy.

Speaker Clark has had no opposition as Democratic Speaker of the House.

Republican Senators also held a sured families are numerous among the tured families are numerous among the small residents of St. Christopher's.

Among the largest individual contributions of the largest individual contributions.

FALLS 5,000 FEET WITH AEROPLANE

ator, Hurled to Earth After Flight of an Hour.

SALISBURY PLAIN, England, March 5 .- Geoffrey England, a British airman, was killed to-day by a fall from his monoplane while making a flight on the

England was flying directly over Stonehenge at a height of 5,000 feet when his monoplane was seen to collapse and fall like a stone. The aviator had been flying for an hour before the

He was testing the machine with the view of selling it to the British War

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spiendidly—were quiet, declie and brave.

Really, I am very proud of them."

Neighbors who looked on while Mrs.
Connelly was assembling the little folks apoke in complimentary words of her cool, intelligent handling of the situation.

The home laundry and the McKenny barn were both destroyed. The loss in active and thoroughly cleanses the little strength of the situation.

barn were both destroyed. The loss in active and thoroughly cleanses the little the laundry was about \$5,000 and the one's waste-clogged bowels. In a few McKenny barn twice that amount.

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